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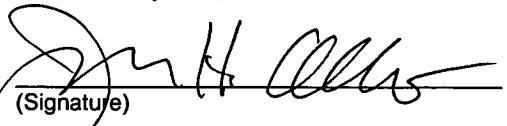
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2006, please consider the following. Please provide any extensions of time and charge any fees to or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.